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E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: DROUGHT IN CHAD

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MESSAGE SENT BY UNDP/CHAD TO NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 29: HAVE RECEIVED LETTER OF ALERT FROM GOVERNMENT OF CHAD CONTAINING DATA CONFIRMED BY GENERAL IMPRESSION OF UNDP EXPERTS AND PRINCIPAL DONORS IN NDJAMENA. IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AT THE MOMENT EXTENT OF DAMAGE AND THEREFORE EXACT NEED OF RELIEF FOOD. SINCE ACTUAL STOCKS ARE ALMOST NONEXISTANT, ESTIMATE MINIMUM NEED TO BE 30,000 TONS OF CEREALS AND 5,000 TONS OF PROTEIN FOODS (MILK, CSM, WSB, ETC). EVENTUAL DONORS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY START SHIPPING ABOVE AMOUNTS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ADVANCE RELIEF FOOD. THE TOTAL NEED WILL BE KNOWN ONLY AFTER MULTIDONOR REPORT END NOVEMBER WHEN DEFINITIVE DATA OF HARVEST WILL BE AVAILABLE. RAINFALL DATA SHOWS SERIOUS DEFICIT ESPECIALLY DURING JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER IN SAHELIAN ZONE. TEAM OF REPRESENTATIVES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDP AND PRINCIPAL DONORS (FED/FAC/USAID) WILL START RECONNAISSANCE

TRIP ON OCTOBER 7. (FYI UNDP NOW CONSIDERING EXTENDING INVITATION TO RUSSIAN MISSION. END FYI) REPRESENTATIVES OF OVSDMENT AND PRINCIPAL DONORS VERY INTERESTED IN SHIPPING COORDINATION. UNDP WILL SOON SEND EXPERT TO CAMEROON AND NIGERIA TO STUDY PRESENT GCND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES OF FOOD TRANSPORTATION VIA THOSE COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY UNDP CABLE. FYI: IN CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR/WFP, NDJAME, THIS DATE CDO LEARNED THAT GOC ESTIMATES FOOD DEFICIT AT 300,000 TONS. DIRECTOR/WFP NOT YET PREPARED ACCEPT THIS ESTIMATE BUT NOW CHARACTERIZES DROUGHT IN CHAD AS QUOTE SERIOUS END QUOTE. IN ANY EVENT, PAST EXPERIENCE INDICATES TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES AND OTHER RESTRAINTS WOULD PROBABLY LIMIT FOODSTUFF DELIVERS TO AMOUNT WFP HAS SUGGESTED ABOVE, I.E., 35,000 TO 50,000 TONS. DUE TO CONGESTION AND MANAGERIAL PROBLEMS, DIRECTOR/WFP SUGGESTS SHIPMENT THROUGH NIGERIAN PORTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. END FYI. DWYER UNQUOTE ROBINSON.

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